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Hon. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.,  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

***RE: STB Ex Parte No. 658 -- October 19 Public Hearing on The 25th Anniversary of the  
Staggers Rail Act of 1980: A Review & Look Ahead***

Dear Mr. Williams:

CSX Transportation, Inc. respectfully requests permission to participate in the October 19, 2005 hearing in this proceeding.

CSXT will be represented by Mr. Les Passa, Vice President Strategic Planning. CSXT requests fifteen minutes for its representative to speak.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Paul Hitchcock

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